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Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Relating To Lynx Sightings,
Presence and Sign On The Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests
INFO-210

Dear Mr. MacFarlane:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 29, 2012 relating to lynx sightings, presence and sign on the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests. All documents, including but not limited to faxes, letters, data general messages, and other electronic mail, staff notes, staff logs, phone logs, meeting notes, surveys, and maps, concerning lynx sightings or lynx presence (sign) on the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests since the beginning of 2002.


Your request has been assigned the number: FWS-2012-01055. Any future correspondence concerning your request should refer to this number. We will process your request as a **"Complex"**. Under normal conditions, the FOIA requires a Federal agency to make a determination on disclosure of requested records within 20 working days, beginning the first working day after receipt of a clarified request. Due to the need to search a voluminous amount of records, we require an extension of 10 working days. We expect that a determination on your request will be made on or before August 20, 2012. This 10-workday extension is authorized under 43 CFR 2.13.

The FOIA permits documents to be furnished without charge or at a reduced charge if disclosure of the information is (1) in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the Government, and (2) not primarily in your commercial interest. Your fee waiver request contains sufficient information to grant the waiver. (43 CFR § 2.19 (b)).

If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Mackey of our office at (208) 378-5243.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis Mackey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dennis" and last name "Mackey" clearly distinguishable.

 Brian T. Kelly, State Supervisor
Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office